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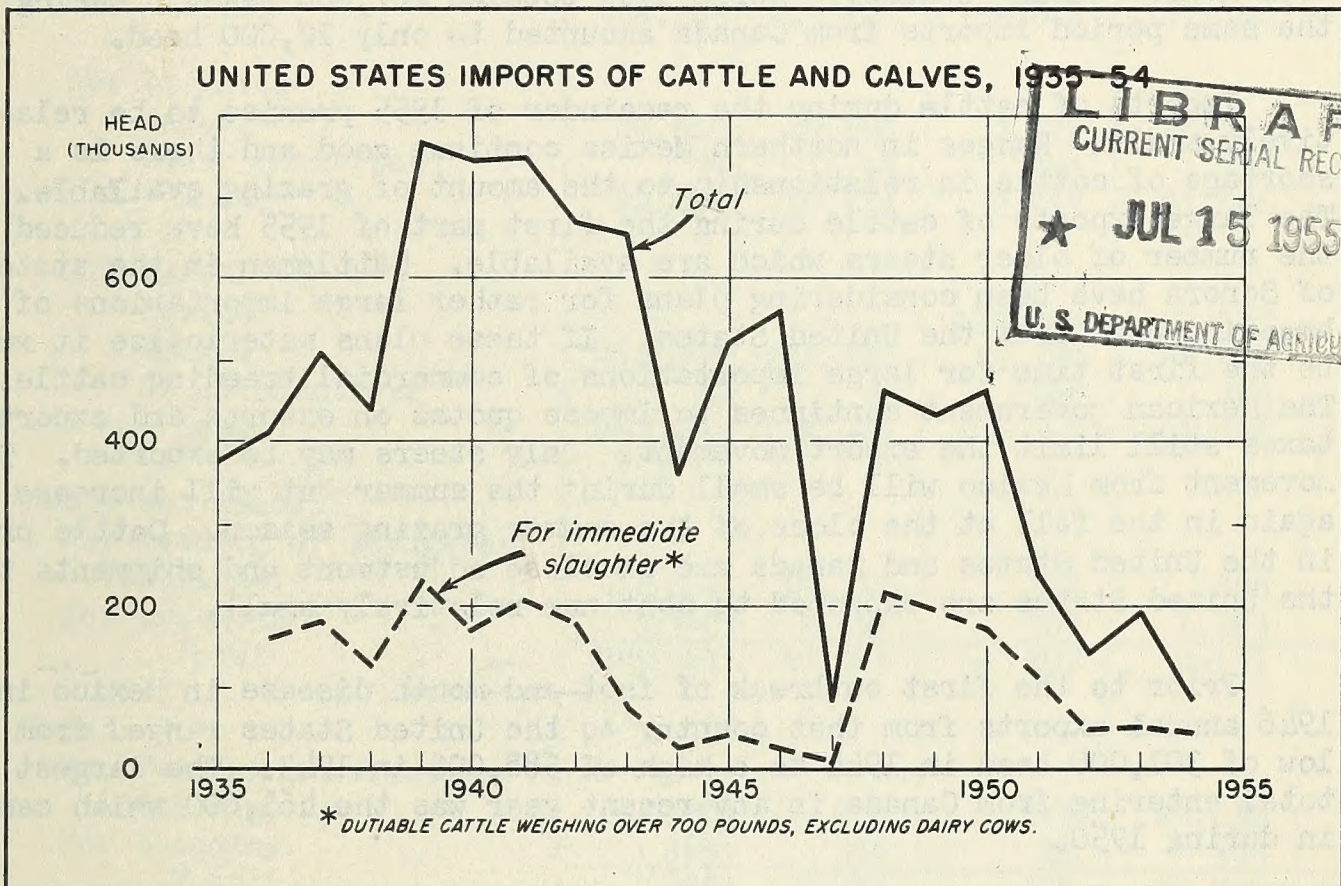
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United States imports of livestock during 1954 were very small. During all of the year entries of cattle from Mexico were restricted by the foot-and-mouth quarantine and Canada was practically the only other source for imports. Imports of sheep and lambs for feeding and slaughter were small but were greater than a year earlier. Imports of hogs from Canada continued large, however, total imports were only a very small proportion of the years domestic slaughter.

Exports of cattle from the United States, while much less than the imports, increased in 1954 reflecting a strong demand for breeding cattle in a number of South American countries and Canada. Whereas the imports were largely those for feeding, dairy, or slaughter; the exports were principally breeding animals of excellent quality and of high value.

Exports of sheep and lambs during 1954 were much smaller than a year earlier, and as usual, most of the shipments were to Canada and Mexico. Exports of hogs during 1954 totaled somewhat less than a year earlier.

Imports of live cattle which make up the bulk of United States trade in live animals totaled only 86,000 head during 1954 compared with 198,000 head a year earlier and were the smallest since 1947. Entries of cattle during 1955 will be considerably larger than a year earlier. The Mexican border has been open to imports since the first of the year. Imports from Mexico during January - April 1955 totaled 207,000 head. During the same period imports from Canada amounted to only 22,000 head.

Imports of cattle during the remainder of 1955 promise to be relatively small. Ranges in northern Mexico continue good and there is a shortage of cattle in relationship to the amount of grazing available. The large exports of cattle during the first part of 1955 have reduced the number of older steers which are available. Cattlemen in the state of Sonora have been considering plans for rather large importations of breeding cows from the United States. If these plans materialize it would be the first time for large importations of commercial breeding cattle. The Mexican government continues to impose quotas on exports and export taxes still limit the export movement. Only steers may be exported. The movement from Mexico will be small during the summer but will increase again in the fall at the close of the summer grazing season. Cattle prices in the United States and Canada are in close adjustment and shipments to the United States are expected to continue relatively small.

Prior to the first outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico in 1946 annual exports from that country to the United States ranged from a low of 301,000 head in 1944 to a high of 588,000 in 1943. The largest total entering from Canada in any recent year was the 461,000 which came in during 1950.

There has been a great interest in livestock improvement in several countries of Central and South America. Large importations of cattle have been made both by individuals and under Government sponsorship. Foreign shipments of United States cattle for breeding during 1954 totaled 17,235 head which was 6,532 greater than a year earlier and the largest since 1946. Exports to Colombia during 1955 totaled 4,694 head and 3,902 went to Venezuela. Exports to Mexico totaled 2,606 head and 1,275 were sent to Canada.

United States imports of dutiable hogs during 1954 were equivalent to 30,715 head (200 pounds each) compared with 24,030 a year earlier and were the greatest since 1941. Virtually all came from Canada.

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UNITED STATES: Foreign trade in livestock, 1950-54

Item	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
<u>Imports</u>					
Cattle:					
For feeding, dairy or slaughter (dutiable)					
Mexico	-	-	127,279	127,925	-
Canada	438,285	219,767	10,562	49,153	70,680
Other countries	-	54	207	82	-
Total	438,285	219,821	138,048	177,160	70,680
For breeding					
Canada	22,610	19,120	2,222	20,757	15,259
Other countries	74	18	191	309	117
Total	22,684	19,138	2,413	21,066	15,376
All cattle					
Mexico	-	-	127,279	127,927	-
Canada	460,895	238,887	12,784	69,910	85,939
Other countries	74	72	398	389	117
Total	460,969	238,959	140,461	198,226	86,056
Sheep and Lambs:					
For feeding or slaughter (dutiable)					
	97,127	14,312	304	868	1,371
For breeding	3,340	2,591	603	1,283	1/
Total	100,467	16,903	907	2,151	1,371
Hogs:					
For feeding or slaughter (dutiable) 2/					
	120	950	185	24,030	30,600
For breeding	865	535	11	395	1/
Total	985	1,485	196	24,425	30,600
<u>Exports</u>					
Cattle:					
For breeding	6,232	6,404	7,231	10,703	16,725
Other	2,119	1,991	3,581	4,087	4,017
Total	8,351	8,395	10,812	14,790	20,742
Sheep and Lambs:	2,517	1,087	6,303	33,888	11,589
Hogs:	1,444	935	1,748	1,407	887

1/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N.E.C.", commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

2/ Equivalent 200 pound hogs.

Foreign Agricultural Service: Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Total imports of live cattle, annual 1935-54 1/

Year	Dutiable Cattle									
	700 pounds and over			Under 700 pounds			Total dutiable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)	Total cattle	
	Cows for dairy purposes	Other	Total	Under 200 pounds 2/	200 to 699 pounds 3/	Total				
Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	
1935	4/	4/	68,573	4/	4/	296,050	364,623	13,501	378,124	
1936	6,689	158,873	165,562	57,314	176,237	233,551	399,113	11,186	410,299	
1937	6,724	182,333	189,057	82,052	223,837	305,889	494,946	12,378	507,324	
1938	7,445	125,346	132,791	47,708	243,831	291,539	424,330	9,631	433,961	
1939	8,603	228,001	236,604	115,092	401,874	516,966	753,570	10,083	763,653	
1940	9,600	169,720	179,320	104,602	346,689	450,891	630,211	13,621	643,832	
1941	13,387	205,488	218,875	102,195	412,312	514,507	733,382	16,375	749,757	
1942	19,566	180,054	199,620	66,518	386,495	453,013	652,633	16,218	668,851	
1943	34,934	77,520	112,454	14,269	502,909	517,178	629,632	22,978	652,610	
1944	33,624	25,696	59,320	5,861	276,297	282,158	341,478	16,791	358,269	
1945	43,984	41,995	85,979	9,742	393,672	403,414	489,393	22,230	511,623	
1946	66,085	25,915	92,000	10,053	413,665	423,718	515,718	42,186	557,904	
1947	43,917	888	44,805	7,642	2,010	9,652	54,457	30,048	84,505	
1948	84,275	214,645	298,920	23,571	96,335	119,906	418,826	42,853	461,679	
1949	49,061	194,916	243,977	41,535	126,614	168,149	412,126	21,332	433,458	
1950	46,591	173,000	219,591	38,985	179,709	218,694	438,285	22,684	460,969	
1951	35,626	117,479	153,105	15,609	51,107	66,716	219,821	19,138	238,959	
1952	7,017	47,941	54,958	810	82,280	83,090	138,048	2,413	140,461	
1953	22,009	48,320	70,329	4,000	102,831	106,831	177,160	21,066	198,226	
1954	17,633	46,798	64,431	2,872	3,377	6,249	70,680	15,376	86,056	

1/ During World War II exports from Canada to the United States were limited by government controls and in more recent years imports from both Canada and Mexico have been affected by foot-and-mouth disease quarantines. For details of these specific controls see the footnotes on the preceding 2 tables. 2/ Under 175 pounds prior to Jan. 1, 1939. 3/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to Jan. 1, 1939. 4/ Not so classified prior to Jan. 1, 1936.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States, and official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Imports of live cattle from Canada, annual 1935-54

Year	700 pounds and over			Dutiable Cattle						Total Cattle
	Cows for dairy purposes	Other	Total	Under 700 pounds			Total Dutiable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)		
				Under 200 pounds	200 to 699 pounds	Total				
Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	
1935	3/ 6,686	3/ 136,533	59,930	3/ 55,695	3/ 35,149	52,790	112,720	13,066	125,786	
1936	6,724	157,467	143,219	80,792	50,355	90,844	234,063	10,346	244,409	
1937	7,442	75,529	164,191	45,645	9,147	131,147	295,338	11,350	306,688	
1938	8,570	172,753	82,971	81,832	11,229	54,792	137,763	9,080	146,843	
1939	9,595	125,004	181,323	74,681	10,076	93,061	274,384	9,599	283,983	
1940	13,387	150,216	134,599	62,419	10,192	84,757	219,356	12,904	232,260	
1941	19,509	115,475	163,603	53,015	9,033	72,611	236,214	16,139	252,353	
4/ 1942	34,764	211	134,984	5,986	1,317	62,048	197,032	16,107	213,139	
1943	33,624	164	34,975	5,551	1,038	7,303	42,278	22,369	64,647	
1944	43,919	77	33,788	8,427	1,535	42,278	53,958	16,748	57,125	
1945	64,737	182	43,996	9,345	3,113	6,589	77,377	22,163	76,121	
1946	43,912	95	64,919	7,642	1,372	9,962	53,021	41,919	119,296	
5/ 1947	84,275	214,645	298,920	23,571	96,335	12,458	418,826	29,869	82,890	
1948	49,061	194,916	243,977	41,535	126,614	9,014	412,126	42,853	461,679	
1949	46,591	173,000	219,591	38,985	179,709	119,906	438,285	21,332	433,458	
1950	35,600	117,455	219,591	15,609	51,103	168,149	438,285	22,610	460,895	
1951	4,636	4,244	8,880	714	968	218,694	219,767	19,120	238,887	
6/ 1952	21,811	22,931	44,742	3,515	896	66,712	10,562	2,222	12,784	
7/ 1953	17,633	46,798	64,431	2,872	3,377	1,682	49,153	20,757	69,910	
1954						4,411	70,680	15,259	85,939	

1/ Under 175 pounds prior to January 1, 1939, 2/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 3/ Not so classified prior to January 1, 1936. 4/ Exports of live cattle from Canada to the United States were made subject to license effective June 15, 1942, and practically no licenses were granted except for dairy cattle and breeding stock.

5/ Canadian controls on export of slaughter and feeder cattle to the United States were removed on August 16, 1948 6/ Effective February 25, 1952, the United States placed an embargo on the imports of live cattle from Canada, due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 7/ Effective March 1 the United States removed its embargo on imports of cattle from Canada.

UNITED STATES: Imports of live cattle from Mexico, annual 1935-1954

Year	700 pounds and over			Datable Cattle					
				Under 700 pounds					
	Cows for dairy purposes	Other	Total	Under 200 pounds	200 to 699 pounds	Total	Total datable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)	Total Cattle
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
1935	3/	3/	8,622	3/	3/	242,468	251,090	280	251,370
1936	0	22,190	22,190	1,615	140,241	141,856	164,046	684	164,730
1937	0	24,792	24,792	1,259	172,717	173,976	198,768	692	199,460
1938	0	49,770	49,770	2,062	234,030	236,092	285,862	383	286,245
1939	0	55,232	55,232	33,259	390,074	423,333	478,565	267	478,832
1940	0	44,715	44,715	29,921	336,207	366,128	410,843	602	411,445
1941	0	54,253	54,253	39,776	402,120	441,896	496,149	235	496,384
1942	57	64,575	64,632	13,503	377,407	390,910	455,542	81	455,623
1943	170	77,309	77,479	8,283	501,592	509,875	587,354	582	587,936
1944	0	25,531	25,531	310	275,259	275,569	301,100	26	301,126
1945	62	41,917	41,979	1,315	392,132	393,447	435,426	9	435,435
1946	4/	25,714	27,062	708	410,552	411,260	438,322	152	438,474
1947	0	5/	792	0	638	638	5/	1,430	5/
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1952	6/	43,617	45,998	96	81,185	81,281	127,279	-	127,279
1953	7/	25,364	25,539	485	101,901	102,386	127,925	2	127,927
1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Under 175 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 2/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 3/ Not so classified prior to January 1, 1936. 4/ Imports of live cattle from Mexico were suspended by a border quarantine from June 5 to October 18, 1946. On December 27, 1946, an embargo was placed on imports of Mexican cattle, due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 5/ Cattle imports shown from Mexico in 1947 actually entered the United States in December 1946 but were not entered in the Customs Office books before the following January, after the Customs Office closed their books for December. 6/ The United States removed the embargo on imports of cattle from Mexico on September 1, 1952. 7/ Effective May 23, 1953 the United States imposed an embargo on imports of cattle from Mexico following another outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States and official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Imports of sheep and lambs, annual 1935-1954

Year	Dutiable				Breeding		Total
	Canada	Mexico	Other countries	Total	sheep	sheep &	
	Head	Head	Head	Head	(free)	lambs	
1935	524	3,799	406	4,729	1,565		6,294
1936	821	3,300	580	4,701	2,093		6,794
1937	423	6,515	1,200	8,138	2,061		10,199
1938	302	3,707	594	4,603	2,214		6,817
1939	198	4,947	791	5,936	2,939		8,875
1940	205	-	-	205	3,178		3,383
1941	524	7,847	2	8,373	3,829		12,202
1942	<u>1/</u> 1,856	-	3	1,859	3,604		5,463
1943	215	1,189	-	1,404	2,884		4,288
1944	<u>2/</u> 135,380	2,064	32	137,476	3,257		140,733
1945	<u>3/</u> 95,959	2,000	10	97,969	3,171		101,140
1946	1,036	<u>4/</u> 2,849	-	3,885	3,627		7,512
1947	868	-	-	868	4,829		5,697
1948	<u>5/</u> 50,517	-	-	50,517	3,892		54,409
1949	38,562	-	-	38,562	2,692		41,254
1950	96,546	-	581	97,127	3,340		100,467
1951	13,804	-	508	14,312	2,591		16,903
1952	<u>6/</u> 292	<u>7/</u> -	12	304	603		907
1953	<u>8/</u> 868	<u>9/</u> -	-	868	1,283		2,151
1954	1,371	-	109	1,480	<u>10/</u> -		1,480

1/ On October 1, 1942, the Canadian Government embargoed all shipments of sheep and lambs, including breeding sheep, so that Canada would be assured adequate meat supplies. On November 5, 1942 that Government removed restrictions on exports of sheep and lambs for breeding purposes. 2/ Effective September 29, the Canadian Government, removed export restrictions on sheep and lambs consigned to the United States for slaughter. 3/ On July 6 the Canadian Government restricted shipments of slaughter sheep and lambs but continued to permit shipments of breeding sheep from that country. 4/ Imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico were prohibited on December 27, 1946 due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 5/ Canadian Government removed controls on export of slaughter and feeding stock August 3, 1948. 6/ Effective February 25, 1952, the United States placed an embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Canada due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 7/ The United States removed its embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico on September 1, 1952. 8/ The United States removed its embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Canada on March 1, 1953. 9/ Effective May 23, 1953 the United States imposed an embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 10/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N.E.C.", commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

UNITED STATES: Imports of hogs, annual 1935-1954

Year	Live weight			Dutiable hogs			Equivalent 200 pound hogs			Breeding:			Total hogs
	Canada 1/	Mexico	Other	Countries:	Total	Canada 1/	Mexico	Other	Countries:	Total	hogs (free)	hogs	
	1,000 lbs:	1,000 lbs:	1,000 lbs:	1,000 lbs:	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	
1935	3,266	91	57	3,414	16,330	455	285	17,070	27	17,097			
1936	17,354	33	59	17,446	86,770	165	295	87,230	101	87,331			
1937	16,500	14	41	16,555	82,500	70	205	82,775	29	82,804			
1938	16	3	38	97	80	15	190	285	24	309			
1939	4	-	82	86	20	-	410	430	174	604			
1940	55	-	-	55	275	-	-	275	38	313			
1941	8,249	774	0	9,023	41,245	3,870	-	45,115	50	45,165			
1942	10	82	-	92	50	410	-	460	89	549			
1943	16	-	-	16	80	-	-	80	521	601			
1944	5	-	-	5	25	-	-	25	192	217			
1945	16	2/	-	16	80	-	-	80	545	625			
1946	23	-	-	23	115	-	-	115	1,189	71,304			
1947	51	-	-	51	255	-	-	255	2,925	3,180			
1948	66	-	5	71	330	-	25	355	2,028	2,383			
1949	10	-	-	10	50	-	-	50	1,335	1,385			
1950	24	-	-	24	120	-	-	120	865	985			
1951	190	-	-	190	950	-	-	950	535	1,485			
1952	26	-	11	37	130	-	55	185	11	196			
1953	4,764	-	42	4,806	23,820	-	210	24,030	395	24,425			
1954	6,120	-	23	6,143	30,600	-	115	30,715	3/	30,715			

1/ On July 23, 1941, Canada placed an embargo on shipments of hogs to the United States, except purebred hogs for breeding purposes. This embargo was removed on May 3, 1951. 2/ Less than 500 pounds. 3/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N.E.C." commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

UNITED STATES: Exports of cattle by country of destination, annual, 1947-1954

Country of destination	Cattle for breeding									
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954		
Canada	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Mexico	320	437	465	495	852	642	885	1,275		
Costa Rica	799	1,509	1,088	1,109	856	2,072	3,874	2,606		
Cuba	78	20	100	61	20	240	50	356		
Dominican Republic	260	452	325	314	280	1,302	618	850		
Colombia	187	414	44	15	52	117	452	274		
Venezuela	355	359	87	253	311	431	974	4,694		
Ecuador	2,405	1,920	480	323	327	1,427	2,719	3,902		
Germany	24	127	107	133	204	88	74	211		
Czechoslovakia	-	-	326	-	-	-	-	-		
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Italy	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Greece	233	789	19	-	3	2	6	4		
Israel	733	30	6	-	18	-	-	-		
China	-	-	691	3,047	2,868	-	-	20		
Others	1,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	1,727	692	372	482	613	910	1,031	2,311		
	8,677	6,749	4,110	6,232	6,404	7,231	10,703	17,235		
Canada	116	6	107	582	61	3,214	2,530	2,192		
Mexico	512	141	39	133	68	310	1,367	1,427		
Canal Zone	28	180	240	-	-	-	-	-		
France	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Italy	334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Israel	-	-	760	1,311	1,711	-	-	-		
Others	497	195	140	93	151	57	190	-		
Total	1,487	561	1,286	2,119	1,991	3,581	4,087	4,017		
Grand Total	10,164	7,310	5,396	8,351	8,395	10,812	14,790	21,252		

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE: Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Exports of sheep and lambs by country of destination, annual 1947-1954

Country of destination	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Canada	62	184	103	28	84	7	3,536	9,745
Mexico	1,243	600	1,088	865	479	4,830	30,118	1,058
Guatemala	29	75	14	12	-	-	79	12
Colombia	-	3	-	4	105	-	-	5
Venezuela	60	-	-	986	-	-	6	53
Ecuador	25	6	76	537	370	82	-	542
Peru	-	-	-	12	-	258	105	118
Iran	-	-	-	-	-	1,075	-	-
Others	240	78	21	73	49	51	44	56
Total	1,659	946	1,302	2,517	1,087	6,303	33,888	11,589

UNITED STATES: Exports of hogs by country of destination, annual 1947-1954

Mexico	178	208	84	253	374	1,126	561	165
El Salvador	2	6	-	4	-	200	-	-
Honduras	1	12	-	-	-	12	204	8
Panama, Republic	-	14	11	3	14	-	196	-
Cuba	39	191	10	313	13	19	239	102
Dominican Republic	8	49	-	12	157	-	24	8
Colombia	2	2	28	466	-	20	180	211
Venezuela	12	4	196	78	27	-	-	-
Philippine Republic	1,125	-	-	174	-	12	-	-
Korean Republic	-	-	-	-	-	298	-	-
Taiwan	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-
Others	179	209	109	141	150	61	3	393
Total	1,546	695	438	1,444	935	1,748	1,407	887

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE: Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.